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Letter dated 25 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a China position paper, entitled "No accreditation of the Tibet Justice Center to the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, under item 1 of the provisional agenda.

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Annex to the letter dated 25 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

China position paper
No accreditation of the Tibet Justice Center to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

China firmly opposes the accreditation of the Tibet Justice Center (TJC) to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process, simply because TJC is a separatist organization similar to the International Campaign for Tibet, whose application for accreditation was resolutely rejected by the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit at its second session.

As a matter of fact, TJC's primary objective is to split Tibet from China. It not only denies that Tibet is an inalienable part of China but also advocates that Tibet is rightfully an independent state, and claims that the People's Republic of China is not the legitimate Government of the Tibetan people. It is very clear that TJC's objective and separatist activities constitute not only an infringement upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China but also a violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

TJC, formerly known as the International Committee of Lawyers for Tibet, was established by Michael van Walt, the so-called "legal adviser" to the "Tibetan government-in-exile", and he is now a member of the "advisory council" of TJC. The "Tibetan government-in-exile" has for a long time devoted itself to splitting Tibet from China. TJC is actually a group of people providing the "Tibetan government-in-exile" with "legal advice" on how to realize its separatist schemes. TJC's close association with the "Tibetan government-in-exile" again clearly demonstrates TJC's objective of splitting Tibet from China.

TJC is based outside China, and its members are mainly separatists who support the independence of Tibet and those who are hostile to the Chinese Government. It has never in any way participated in nor has it ever made the least contribution to the development of Tibet in the past half-century and more. If this organization had devoted itself to assisting the economic, social and cultural development of Tibet, the Chinese Government and civil institutions would be happy to cooperate with it. But the real purpose of all its activities, including its laborious attempts to insinuate itself into international conferences, is to slander the Chinese Government through distortions and fabrications, promote separatist acts against China and defraud the international community of its support.

Therefore, China firmly objects to the accreditation of TJC to the Summit and its preparatory process. China is confident that all countries will uphold justice and will understand and support China's position in this regard.